

PSEO Explanation Letter



To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a brief overview of the structure and purpose of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program in the state of Minnesota and its implementation at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. This letter is being provided to you at the request of a current PSEO student who has enrolled at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities as a Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) student.

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act, enacted in 1985, gives juniors and seniors in Minnesota high schools access to post-secondary courses and faculty in order to expand and improve the educational options for Minnesota's youth. Tuition and textbook costs for courses taken through the PSEO program are covered by the State. This is a dual credit program, meaning that the credits earned at the post-secondary institution are counted both on high school and college transcripts and can fulfill secondary as well as post-secondary graduation or degree requirements simultaneously.

At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, students in the PSEO program enroll in credit-bearing college courses, taught by University faculty and teaching assistants, alongside matriculated, degree-seeking college students. They are neither given special treatment nor exempted from any course requirements based upon their status as PSEO students. Credits for courses earned through the PSEO program appear on a University transcript without any special designation, reinforcing the fact that the credits and grades earned in these courses reflect academic work at the post-secondary level. Credits earned through the program are then applied to a student's degree program if the student elects to attend the University after high school graduation. If they select a different post-secondary institution, the credits earned through the PSEO program are subject to the receiving institution's transfer credit policies.

Please feel free to contact the PSEO office at 612-626-1666 or pseo@umn.edu if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Schroth".

Sara Schroth
Associate Director of Dual Enrollment